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SUMMARY: DANES FORESEE THAT PRINCIPAL PROBLEM

NINE WILL HAVE IN DISCUSSION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY

STOESSEL OCT 18 IS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON EMPHASIS

TO BE PUT ON TRANS-ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP AS DISTINCT FROM

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EMPHASIS WHICH NINE WISH TO PLACE ON THEIR OWN IDENTITY.

THEY BELIEVE THAT FRENCH WILL NEVER AGREE TO ANY MENTION OF MBFR IN A DECLARATION BETWEEN NINE AND THE US. DANES FEEL THAT FRENCH DECLARATION TABLED IN NATO IS EXCELLENT AS FAR AS IT GOES BUT WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT EXPANDED SO AS TO MAKE IT MORE ACCEPTABLE TO COUNTRIES LIKE CANADA AND NORWAY. END SUMMARY.

1. IN DISCUSSION OCT 10 MFA'S POLITICAL DIRECTOR OLDENBURG, WHO WILL CHAIR POL DIRS MEETING HERE OCT 11 AND 12 AND MEETING WITH STOESEL OCT 18, TOLD DCM THAT MAJOR DIFFICULTY HE SAW IN US SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES IN DECLARATION PROPOSED BY THE NINE RELATED TO THE STRESS THAT THESE SUGGESTIONS GAVE TO A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE US AND THE NINE. HE SAID IT WAS VERY HARD TO EXPRESS THE FEELINGS OF THE NINE ON THIS ISSUE WITHOUT SEEMING TO SOUND ANTI-AMERICAN, OR AT LEAST SO IT SEEMED TO HIM. THE NINE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THE CLOSENESS OF THEIR OWN RELATIONSHIP, TO PROCLAIM THEIR EUROPEAN IDENTITY, AND IN THIS WAY INEVITABLY TO DRAW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN WHAT THEY REGARD AS THEIR INTERNAL EUROPEAN COOPERATION AND THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE US. THERE WAS A CERTAIN FEELING, HE CONCEDED, THAT TO EMPHASIZE AT THIS STAGE THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ATLANTIC TIES WOULD LOOSEN THE CEMENT WHICH HOLDS THE NINE TOGETHER. JOKINGLY HE SAID THAT NONE OF THE NINE HAD FORGOTTEN THE METAPHOR OF BEING IN BED WITH AN ELEPHANT. OLDENBURG WAS NOT DISCOURAGED, BUT HE DID RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WAS A GOOD DEAL OF WORK TO BE DONE BOTH WITHIN THE NINE AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH THE US. BESIDES THE BASIC DIFFICULTY WHICH HE HAD NOTED, HE SAID THERE WERE SOME "LITTLE THINGS" IN THE US SUGGESTIONS WHICH THE NINE WOULD WISH TO QUESTION. THE ONLY ONE HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED WAS MBFR, WHICH HE SAID FLATLY WOULD NEVER BE PERMITTED BY THE FRENCH IN A DECLARATION BY THE NINE.

2. AS REGARDS THE FRENCH DRAFT OF A NATO DECLARATION, THE DANES FIND IT "EXCELLENT AS FAR AS IT GOES" AND ARE PREPARING TO USE IT AS A BASIS TO WORK FROM. THEY WERE PLEASED THAT IT UNDERLINED THE NECESSITY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE HANGING TOGETHER. ON THE OTHER HAND THEY

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HOPED THAT SOMETHING ON ECONOMIC MATTERS COULD BE WORKED INTO IT TO MAKE IT MORE ACCEPTABLE TO COUNTRIES LIKE CANADA AND NORWAY WHICH WERE UNEASILY EYEING THE DECLARATION OF THE NINE AND THE US. OLDENBURG ADMITTED THAT THE DANISH GOVT WAS IN A BIT OF A DILEMMA IN THIS REGARD BECAUSE THE DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS RECENTLY GONE ON RECORD AS SAYING THAT IT WANTS NOTHING ADDED TO NATO THAT WOULD COMMIT THE COUNTRY FURTHER

THAN IT IS NOW COMMITTED BY THE TERMS OF THE TREATY. HE SAID THAT DANISH DIPLOMATS WOULD HAVE TO TREAD CAUTIOUSLY IN THIS REGARD, BUT THEY WILL STRETCH AS FAR AS THEY CAN TO GIVE SOMETHING TO CANADA AND NORWAY. TRYING TO FIND THIS GOLDEN MEAN WAS, HE ADDED, ONE OF HIS MAIN POLITICAL PREOCCUPATIONS AT PRESENT.

3. ACTION: OLDENBURG INQUIRED WHO WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING STOESEL. PLEASE ADVISE.
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